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NO QUIT



British Prime Minister Gordon Brown speaks to the media during a press conference in 10 Downing Street, London Friday June 5, 2009. Brown clung fiercely to his job Friday, defying calls from some within his beleaguered Labour party to resign. Brown told reporters he never even considered resigning, instead announcing a Cabinet reshuffle he hopes will help restore his fortunes.


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MAMBA STRIKES



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) scores against the Orlando Magic during the first half of Game 1 of the NBA basketball finals Thursday, June 4, 2009, in Los Angeles. See Sports Today



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On Sunday June 29th

Hadicurari announces fishing tournament & food festival



PALMBEACH – This past Friday June 5th, the flag was raised at ‘Centro di Pesca Hadicurari’ followed by a meeting by the organization committee of Fisherman’s Day 2009, in this manner announcing the national event that will be taking place on the 28th of this month. The international Fisherman’s Day is celebrated around the world

on the 29th of June, which is Saint Peter’s Day, on of the saints of the fishermen.

On Aruba the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (LVV) in conjunction with Centro di Pesca Hadicurari’, for some 15 consecutive years has been organizing this grand event at the ‘Centro di Noord’. The



organization committee, that consists of representatives of ‘Fundacion Centro di Pesca Hadicurari (FCPH), LVV and naturally the fishermen have been meeting in preparation for this year’s event.

This years committee members are: Joe Giel, Louchi Eduwardo, Leen Statia, Rebecca Franken, Diana Kock, Ludwig Rasmijn as well as the

President of FCPH, Gilbert Rasmijn with other members Francisco Franken, Wladimir Wolff, Pierry Croes, Humphrey Croes, Viktor Tromp y Byron Boekhoudt. Assisting them are Sheridan Daly, Randy Maduro, Maria Donata and many other volunteers who work to realize this year’s commemorative event.

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Everyone is invited to Mambo Jambo's first Full Moon party; the entry price of AWG. 15,-- is truly inviting. Expect a Magic Card Reader, lots of Sexy Dancers, a Mohito Bar and more. Mambo Jambo is located at the Royal Plaza Mall across from the harbor.

The first 50 people get a surprise drink, so don't come late. The Full Moon Party is from 11 pm until 4 am.



Aruba's Newest EMT

Graduated as Basic Emergency Medical Technician

ORANJESTAD - Recently 11 people graduated for the Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). This course was given by the organization Aruba National Registered Emergency Medical Technician (ANREMT) a non-profit organization here on Aruba.

ANREMT is an organization that is dedicated to educate on a technical level in regards of medical emergencies and patient treatment prior to hospital arrival.

The topics of this course

included amongst them: Patient Assessment, Hazardous Materials, Basic Pharmacology, Bleeding & Shock, and Automatic External Defibrillator. The class is based on the curriculum of the Department of Transportation of the United States of America and complies with the standards set by the US Health Department.

The course completed a total of 152 hours of in class study and a 72 hours of internship at the Hospital and with the Ambulance.

The graduates are: Gregorio Rasmijn (Web Aruba N.V.), Cris Thielman (Valero Aruba Refinery), Charles Schuilenburg (Valero Aruba Refinery), Jhon Leon (Valero Aruba Refinery), Rodney Danje (Valero Aruba Refinery), Dionisio Richardson (Rode Kruis Aruba), Stella Gomes (Rode Kruis Aruba), Urny Burke (Cas Adriana), Reginald Tromp (Rode Kruis Aruba), Alberto Tromp (Valero Aruba Refinery) y Gillaine Kock (Aruba Medical Assistance). Congratulations to all.



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Emile de Cuba earns USTPA's Pro of the Year Honor

FORT PIERCE — Growing up on the tiny Caribbean island of Aruba, Emile de Cuba's dream was to travel to Rome to see the Vatican.

Little did he know, the vehicle that would one day take him to the steps of the hub of the Catholic Church would be the sport he didn't start playing until he was 12.

Tennis. Besides taking him around the world, including that dream trip to Vatican City, the sport has also given de Cuba, the director of Tennis at Ocean Village on Hutchinson Island, some of his most gratifying moments.

During the United States Tennis Professionals Association's state convention in St. Petersburg next week, de Cuba's lifetime as a player and instructor will be recognized when he is named the USTPA's Pro of the Year for District 9.

"I was very humble about winning it. When I got called and was told I got the award,

I didn't tell anybody for two weeks," de Cuba said. "It's a very nice honor because it's not only for teaching, but for what you do as a whole.

"I've been pretty much involved in tennis my whole life. It's my career."

After a successful high school career in Aruba and one year at John Carroll High School, followed by stints at Indian River Community College and Florida Atlantic University, de Cuba got his chance to turn pro.

He headed to Holland and began playing team tennis for money. When he wasn't traveling to tournaments — which wasn't often, he said — he stayed with his sister, who worked as an EEG brain technician. The tournament schedule and constant bombardment of tennis wore de Cuba down and, after taking some time to travel through Europe, he returned stateside, setting in Fort Pierce and taking a job at Ocean Village

as an instructor.

"I grew up on hard courts my whole life and, when I went to Europe, everything there was on red clay. It was really tough," de Cuba said.

That doesn't mean that part of his life was a waste. Quite the contrary, de Cuba said.

"I still think I would do it again. It was a great experience and I got the chance to meet a lot of people," de Cuba said. "There were so many guys over there trying to make it like me. I loved every minute of it."

More importantly, de Cuba was exposed to many different types of people and many different types of coaching styles. It is that experience, he said, which proved to an important baseline for his current career.

De Cuba teaches tennis at Ocean Village, but he is also a huge asset when it comes to organizing and attracting people to charity tournaments.



One of his biggest endeavors is working with his wife, Susan, on the Treasure Coast Hospice tournament.

"If we lost him, the tennis community at Ocean Village would be heartbroken. He is that well regarded and treasured by all of us, even those who haven't gotten on the courts," said Jack McGuire, who lives part-time at Ocean Village with his wife.

"I've never seen him have a bad word for anybody. He has the patience of a saint when dealing with small kids.

"I mean, he has grandparents that bring their 4-year old grandkids to Florida and want to have them turn into a pro the next day.

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On Sunday June 29th

Hadicurari announces fishing tournament & food festival

Fishing Tournament:

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On June 19th the usual captain's meeting will be held where all those interested, captain's, boat owner's and fans, will talk about the details, rules, and celebrate in high spirits anticipating the celebration. Signing up fee per boat is Afls. 75,- with an optional incentive of Afls. 50,- The tournament

is divided in 2 categories: "Crioyo/Tradicional" and "Open all tackle". In the category "Crioyo/Tradicional" that is open for boats up to 26 feet, are only allowed to fish traditionally, in other words it's not permitted to use a winch, either manual or electronical nor rod and reel. In "Open all tackle" the aforementioned are allowed. The prizes are the same in both categories" 1st Place Afls. 800,- 2nd Place Afls. 400,- 3rd Place Afls. 200,- There will be prizes for the best Conovis, Djampou, Mulato and for the biggest fish of the tournament, the boat that brings the most Kilograms of both Centro Hadicurari and the native boats. More details will be dealt with during the Captain's meeting that was mentioned above.

Family Day:

As always along with the Fishing Tournament a Family Day will be held at both

"Centro di Noord" and the pier. The Crioyo foodfestival will have 3 tents offering local dishes, sweets and coconut water. There will be many tents so that the public can take in and enjoy the ambiance along the shoreside. There will also be kids activities. The ambiance of this day will be held in typical fisherman fashion with "caha di orgel, steelband y banda musical, to enter the crowd and a acknowledgement to honorees in typical Hadicurari manner.

Invitation:

The organization committee on behalf of 'Centro di Pesca Hadicurari' and the Department of Fisheries invites the entire community to join on the Sunday and to keep in mind the Captain's meeting. For more information contact Centro di Pesca Hadicurari at Tel: 586-6610 of LVV at Tel: 585-8102.



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Maki Sushi and Nigiri Sushi, Chicken Pot Stickers with Ginger Soy Sauce, over premium martini and coolers, to live DJ lounge music. Sunset in Style was followed by a site inspection of the resort with General Manager Paul Gielen. The dignitaries were also joined by the local hospitality movers and shakers from other resort properties, the Renaissance ACB partners, who were also introduced to the group at the party. Ariana Santiago Gonzalez, Sales Manager, Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino reports that the dignitaries have all booked clients before to the Caribbean in small and large groups and hail from all over the USA.





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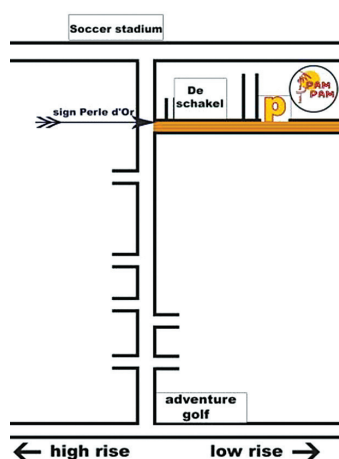
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out Perle D'Or. They and their dance troupe put on a show of the exotic Zouk, originating from the French islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique, and inspiration for the Brazilian Lambada. If their sensual movements inspire any audience members, they can sign up at Pam-Pam for private dance lessons from the Pachanga crew, which also teach Salsa and Merengue.

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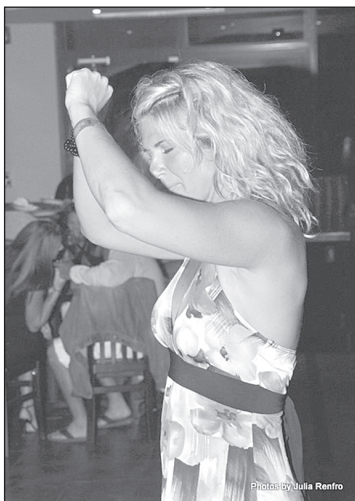
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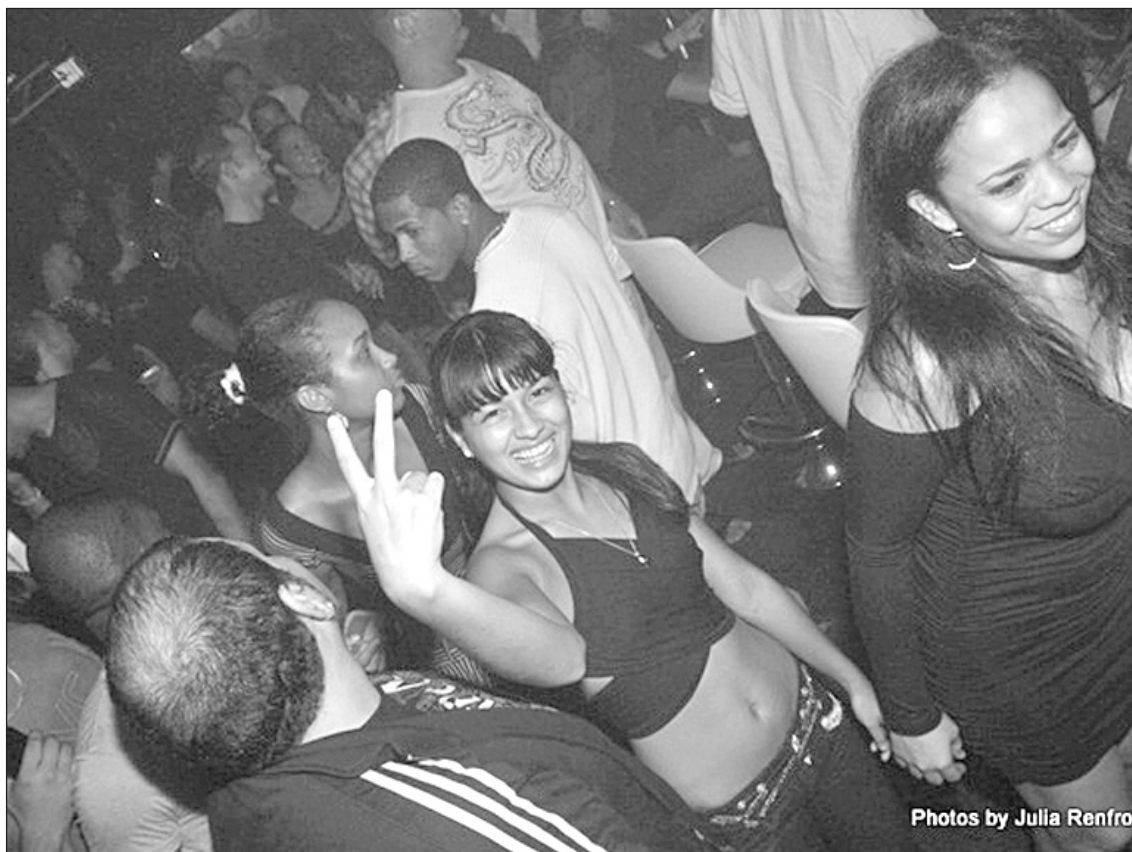
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The Beauty shines through at Confessions



PALM BEACH - At a time when night greets the day, beauty could be found in Aruba. All of the "beautiful people" could be found dancing to an eclectic beat, sweating fashion and passion from their pores. A hostess at Moby Dick's in Paseo Herencia, Chantal--with her gorgeous eyes and "model" legs--joined the crowd that evening. Chantal's true confession? She confesses to be in love with the beautiful island of Aruba!



Photos by Julia Renfro



Café Rembrandt: A Masterpiece of European Bar and Café Culture

The first thing one notices upon entering Café Rembrandt is the European atmosphere—from the imposing wooden bar, featuring Heineken and Guinness on tap, to the large reprint of “The Night Watchman” by its namesake, the overstuffed leather Chesterfield sofas, and the classic dark wood decor. Proof positive that well-known local co-owners Stefan Leggerd, Stephan van der Varst and Patrick Bernasco have succeeded in recreating the kind of comfortable, cozy bar/café found all over Holland are the large crowds of Dutch locals in evidence any night of the week.

Since its opening December 1, 2008, Café Rembrandt has steadily built a following, featuring not only a variety of European beers and reasonably-priced “pub grub,” but also live music three nights a week and popular theme nights. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday

night shines the spotlight on predominantly classic-rock cover bands, including local favorite Wild Fire. A successful “Italian night” with accompanying specials has led to plans for more such events, including an upcoming Spanish theme night. Never lacking a reason to celebrate, the owners currently have an American-style Fourth of July party in the works. The event will feature music, a “Come as Your Favorite American” costume contest with prizes and

classic American fare, along with the requisite specials on featured brews from the United States. Additionally, a portion of proceeds from each party night benefits a selected local charity.

Whether seated inside or outside on the large terrace, patrons enjoy friendly, attentive service and a varied menu with specials including goulash soup, grouper and smoked salmon roll, and rack of lamb with fresh thyme and

a coffee chocolate sauce. With Peter van der Sloot masterfully orchestrating the action at the bar and a veteran wait

staff working the floor, Café Rembrandt paints the very picture of modern food and fun in a classic atmosphere.



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At Arashi Beach

Nada & Joseph Peters renew their vows at sunset



ARASHI-Nada & Joseph Peters of New Jersey renewed their vows at sunset. The lovebirds met at Law School and fell in love shortly after. Joseph took a Disney World vacation and turned it into a romantic proposal and surprised Nada. They have been married for 2 ½ years. Nada & Joseph didn't get to say their vows the way we wanted to the first time so they thought it would be great to renew their love. Joseph has been to Aruba once before and though it would be a great place to spend a vacation and renew their love. The renewal took place at Arashi beach overlooking

the natural beauty of the island with the lighthouse as a backdrop. The romantic sermon was delivered by Robert Gibson as the sunset behind the horizon. Nada & Josef exchanged the vows they have longed for and sealed them with a kiss.

Following the renewal Nada & Joseph picked up two shells, made a wish and threw the blessed shells in the turquoise sea. Bella Aruba Photography was there to capture the moments. Their romantic dinner took place at the Radisson

Resorts 'Four Diamond Sunset Grill Restaurant'. Photos by Angela Munzenhofer





Job postings board is shown at Central City Concern Thursday, June, 4, 2009, in Portland, Ore. With companies in no mood to hire, the unemployment rate jumped to 9.4 percent in May, the highest in more than 25 years.

U.S. loses just 345,000 jobs in May, raising hopes

WASHINGTON — Employers throttled back on layoffs in May and cut the fewest jobs in any month since the financial crisis erupted last fall — raising the brightest hope yet that an economic recovery will take hold later this year. But with companies still reluctant to hire, the nation's jobless rate rose to a quarter-century high of 9.4 percent, and it likely will keep rising into 2010, possibly within striking distance of its post-World War II peak of 10.8 percent. The economy shed 345,000 jobs in May, the Labor Department said Friday — half what it was losing in a month at the start of the year. But the report also underscored how hard it has been for America's 14.5 million unemployed to find new jobs. "Less bad, yes," Ian Shepherdson, chief

U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, said, summarizing the economy. "Good, no." Companies probably won't ramp up hiring until they feel sure a recovery is here to stay. Still, considering the damage the recession has wrought — 6 million jobs lost since December 2007 — it was encouraging that employers cut far fewer jobs in May. The 345,000 jobs lost was down sharply from 504,000 in April, and an even bigger improvement over the average of nearly 700,000 jobs lost monthly during the first quarter of this year. "The light at the end of the tunnel just got a lot brighter," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight. But not so bright that economists expect more employers to start hiring again this year. Economists expect the pace of layoffs to

keep tapering off, but they don't think the economy will begin to create jobs steadily until late next year at the earliest. "Payrolls are learning to crawl but far from walking," said Michael Feroli, economist at JPMorgan Economics. Stocks rallied on the better-than-expected news, but then surrendered most of the gains. The Dow Jones industrial average made a brief foray into positive territory for 2009, then pulled back to close up about 13 points at 8,763.13. The job losses was the fewest since September and the fourth straight month in which the pace of layoffs slowed. In another heartening note, job losses for March and April turned out to be 82,000 less than the government had reported. Continued on next page.

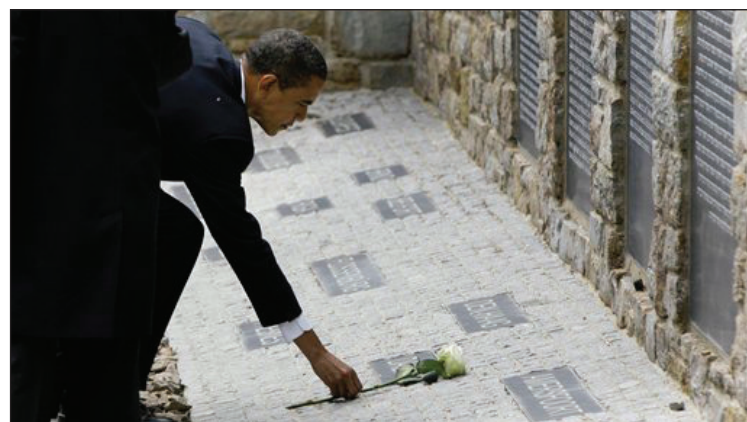
US intelligence pick bows out over CIA tactic ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's pick for intelligence chief at the Homeland Security Department withdrew from consideration Friday amid questions about his role in the CIA's interrogations of suspected terrorists. Philip Mudd was scheduled to appear next week before senators considering his nomination as undersecretary of intelligence and analysis. He notified the White House on Friday that he was withdrawing his name because he did not want to be a distraction. At issue was the extent of Mudd's involvement in the interrogation program while he was a senior CIA official in the Bush administration. The interrogation methods have been criticized by Democratic lawmakers and Obama. "I know that this position will require the full cooperation



In this Aug. 3, 2004 file photo, Philip Mudd of the CIA's counterterrorist center appears before Senate Government Affairs Committee Chairman on Capitol Hill.

with Congress and I believe that if I continue to move forward I will become a distraction to the president and his vital agenda," Mudd said in a statement. Continued on page 4.



Obama calls for new effort for 2-state solution

WEIMAR, Germany (AP) — President Barack Obama toured a World War II concentration camp Friday after prodding the international community to redouble efforts toward separate Israeli and Palestinian states in hopes of resolving a conflict fueled by the Jewish nation's post-Holocaust creation.

"These sites have not lost their horror with the passage of time," Obama said after seeing crematory ovens, barbed-wire fences and guard towers at the Buchenwald camp. "More than half a century later, our grief and our outrage over what happened have not diminished." Continued on page 6.

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345,000 Jobs

“This tide is turning,” said Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research. “We expect this trend of slower job loss to continue throughout the year.”

With no place for the out-of-work to land, the unemployment rate bolted to 9.4 percent from 8.9 percent in April. It was the highest rate since August 1983.

Hundreds of thousands of people, perhaps feeling more confident about their job prospects, streamed back into the labor force last month looking for work. That was a factor in the jobless rate’s rise, economists said.

Labor Secretary Hilda Solis called the uptick in unemployment “unacceptable” and

pledged to bring it down by helping the unemployed get new skills or training.

Including laid-off workers who have given up looking for new jobs or have settled for part-time work, the so-called underemployment rate would be 16.4 percent in May, the highest on record dating to 1994. And the number of people out of work six months or more rose to nearly 4 million in May, a record and triple the total from when the recession began.

Dan Blatt, 37, who found a retail job in January after being laid off in October, is one of the lucky few. “I’d be frantic if I didn’t have anything now,” he said while attending a



job fair in New York and looking for something even better.

To cut costs and perhaps avoid imposing further layoffs, employers trimmed workers’ hours in May. The average work week fell to 33.1 hours, the lowest on record dating to 1964.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke repeated his prediction this week that the recession will end this year, but again warned that any recovery will be gradual.

Against that backdrop, many economists say the jobless rate will hit 10 percent by the end of this year and will keep rising into 2010. Some economists think it could near 11 percent. The highest since World War II was 10.8 percent at the end of 1982.

“Let me be very clear: A lower job-rate loss is not our goal,” Vice President Joe Biden said. “‘Less bad’ is not how we’re going to measure success.”

Biden said he will join Obama on Monday in seeking to put more juice into the president’s stimulus effort, including higher spending on public

works projects. Biden did not provide details.

Solis and some economists credited the stimulus with helping to reduce layoffs in May. But other analysts said the benefits of the stimulus wouldn’t really kick in until later this year or more likely next year.

The construction industry saw particular improvement in May, losing 59,000 jobs compared with 108,000 in April. Retailers eliminated 17,500, down from 36,500. Financial activities axed 30,000, down from 45,000.

But factories cut 156,000 jobs in May, slightly more than in April. The government, adding workers for the 2010 Census, reduced its employment by 7,000 after bulking up by 92,000 in April.

Education, health care, leisure and hospitality were among the industries adding jobs.

The Fed says unemployment will remain elevated into 2011, with a tepid economic recovery. The job market may not return to normal — meaning a roughly 5 percent unemployment

rate — until 2013, economists say.

Still, evidence is mounting that the recession is letting up, with fresh signs emerging earlier this week. The number of people drawing continuing unemployment benefits dipped for the first time in 20 weeks, and first-time claims also fell. Builders are boosting spending on construction projects, and home sales are somewhat firmer.

But ripple effects from the twin bankruptcies of General Motors and Chrysler could muddy the job market this month.

In this March 11, 2009, photo, Claïressa Mills looks over the main desk for help at the Labor Ready temporary employment agency in Warren, Ohio. Labor Ready employees said that as the economy got worse, their lobby had gotten fuller and fuller for the early morning job call. With companies in no mood to hire, the unemployment rate jumped to 9.4 percent in May, the highest in more than 25 years. But the pace of layoffs eased, with employers cutting 345,000 jobs, the fewest since September.

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U.S. couple indicted on charges of spying for Cuba

WASHINGTON

(AP) — A retired State Department worker and his wife have been arrested on charges of spying for Cuba over three decades, using grocery carts among their array of tools to pass government secrets, according to an indictment unsealed Friday. The indictment says Walter Kendall Myers worked his way into higher and higher U.S. security clearances while secretly partnering with his wife, Gwendolyn Steingraber Myers, as clandestine agents so valued by the Cuban government that they once had a private four-hour meeting with President Fidel Castro.

David Kris, assistant attorney general for national security, described the couple's alleged spying for the communist government as "incredibly serious."

The Myers' arrest come as the United States attempts to ease tensions with Cuba dating from the Cold War. Two months ago, the Obama administration acted to relax a trade embargo imposed on the island nation in 1962.

A senior State Department official described the potential for damage as great and the timing unfortunate, noting that it could affect congressional support for the administration's recent attempts to engage Cuba. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the continuing investigation. Cuba is notorious for not paying its agents, said a former intelligence official speaking anonymously because of the highly sensitive matter. Indeed, court documents indicate the couple received little money for their efforts, but instead professed a deep love for Cuba, Castro and the country's system of government. The court papers describe



the couple's spying methods changing with the times, beginning with old-fashioned tools of Cold War spying: Morse code messages over a short-wave radio and notes taken on water-soluble paper. By the time they retired from the work in 2007, they allegedly were sending encrypted e-mails from Internet cafes.

The criminal complaint says changing technology also persuaded Gwendolyn Myers to abandon what she considered an easy way of passing information, by changing shopping carts in a grocery store. The document quoted her as saying she "wouldn't do it now. Now they have cameras, but they didn't then."

Authorities say her comments came during a series of meetings with an undercover FBI agent posing as a Cuban spy in April. The Myerses fell for the ruse, authorities say, sharing with the agent their views of Obama administration officials who recently had taken over responsibility for Latin American policy and accepting a device to encrypt future e-mail.

The couple, who live in Washington, were arrested Thursday and pleaded not guilty Friday in U.S. District Court. They were ordered held

in jail until a detention hearing scheduled for Wednesday. Their attorney, Thomas Green, would not comment.

The two were charged with conspiracy to act as illegal agents of the Cuban government and to communicate classified information to the Cuban government. Each also is charged with acting as an illegal agent of the Cuban government and with wire fraud.

Kendall Myers, 72, was known by the Cubans as Agent 202 and his 71-year-old wife went by both Agent 123 and Agent E-634, according to the indictment.

The indictment says Kendall Myers disclosed to the State Department that he traveled to Cuba for two weeks in 1978, saying the trip was for personal and academic purposes. The next year, a Cuban government official visited the couple while they were living in the Western state of South Dakota and recruited them to be spies, the indictment says. At Cuba's direction, authorities say, Kendall Myers sought out jobs that would give him access to classified information.

He applied for a position at the CIA in 1981. He did not get that but later was able to get work at the State Department, where his security clearances rose

over the next two decades.

Kendall Myers first worked as a lecturer at the Foreign Service Institute and later as a European analyst in the department's intelligence arm, the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, or INR, from 2000 until his retirement in October 2007.

The position gave him access to extremely sensitive documents, analysis and policy papers from a variety of government agencies. The indictment says in his last year of employment, Kendall Myers viewed more than 200 intelligence reports related to Cuba.

During his time at the intelligence bureau, officials there were dealing with the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and the response as well as assessments in the run-up to the Iraq war. INR is known to have disagreed with Bush administration hawks over Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction program, and Myers could have given the Cubans information about internal divisions over the decision to go to war.

Court documents say among the information they passed was economic intelligence, which the former intelligence official said makes up much of

what information Cuba is interested in from the United States. The official said the damage from the intelligence would extend beyond Cuba, because U.S. investigators would assume that anything useful to Cuba's allies would have been passed to them by Havana.

State Department spokesman Philip Crowley said the arrest culminated a three-year investigation of Myers, and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has ordered a "comprehensive damage assessment" to determine what may have been compromised to the Cubans.

The indictment seeks the return of all \$1.7 million Kendall Myers earned in his State Department career, along with his \$174,867 roll-over IRA account.

Court documents say Castro came to visit the couple in a small house in Cuba where they were staying in 1995, after traveling through Mexico under false names. Kendall Myers reportedly boasted to the undercover FBI agent that they had received "lots of medals" from the Cuban government.

They made other trips to Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Mexico, Brazil, Ecuador and Argentina to meet with Cuban agents, the indictment says.

Myers apparently sympathized with the Cuban ideology and revolution that put Castro into power. Court documents say he wrote in a personal journal in 1978: "I can see nothing of value that has been lost by the revolution. ... (T)he revolution has released enormous potential and liberated the Cuban spirit."

He praised Castro as a "brilliant and charismatic leader" who is "one of the great political leaders of our time." And he called the United States "exploiters" who regularly murdered Cuban revolutionary leaders.

U.S. backs off plan to seize land for 9/11 memorial

S O M E R S E T , Pennsylvania (AP) — The federal government on Friday decided not to seize property to build a memorial at the site where a plane hijacked in the Sept. 11 attacks crashed, saying instead it would renew negotiations with landowners.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, a Democrat from Pennsylvania, met Friday with people who

own 500 acres (200 hectares) in the area where United Flight 93 crashed in 2001. The hijackers crashed the airliner in a western Pennsylvania field as passengers tried to wrest control of the cockpit. Friday's meeting came a month after the National Park Service announced that talks to get the remaining land for the memorial were unsuccessful and that they would use eminent domain to seize the property.

The government has said it wants the \$58 million, 2,200-acre (900-hectare) memorial built in time for the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

Negotiations will begin with new vigor next week, Salazar said, noting the government is on a tight schedule and determined to break ground for the permanent memorial on Sept. 11.

"I know that if we



Interior Secretary Ken Salazar visits the Flight 93 Temporary Memorial in Shanksville, Pa. on Friday, June 5, 2009. The federal government backtracked Friday and decided not to seize the western Pennsylvania property needed to build a Flight 93 memorial, saying instead it would renew negotiations with landowners.

can't get it resolved, eminent domain is still a backstop," he added. Landowners will receive fair-market value for their property, Salazar said. Going forward, the head of the National Park Service's acquisitions program will be directly responsible for communicating with the families, he said. "They too were the victims of 9/11 in terms of what happened," Salazar said of the landowners. "I do believe we will find a good way and a positive way to move forward." Salazar said the memorial design will be changed to recognize the contribution of the landowners. No details on those changes were available.

The landowners were pleased after the meeting with Salazar and Specter. Christine Williams, who along with her husband owns about 6 acres (2 1/2 hectares) at the site, embraced playfully

with Salazar in front of the cameras. Yet, she said, she does not believe the negotiations will be successful because there is not enough time.

"This was to be a property that we retired to," a tearful Williams said. "We didn't want to leave, and we still don't want to leave." During the Sept. 11 attacks, four planes were hijacked — two were used to destroy the World Trade Center in New York City and a third crashed into the Pentagon near Washington. The fourth was United Flight 93, which crashed near Shanksville, about 60 miles (100 kilometers) southeast of Pittsburgh. Flight 93 was en route from Newark, New Jersey, to San Francisco. Investigators believe the hijackers' plan was to crash into the Capitol or another target in Washington. The passengers have been recognized as heroes for preventing the attack.

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CIA ties

On Thursday, Sen. Kit Bond, the top Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Mudd's ties to the program would be investigated. As deputy director of the Office of Terrorism Analysis at the CIA, Mudd had direct knowledge of the agency's harsh interrogation program, according to a congressional aide, who was not authorized to disclose the information and spoke on condition of anonymity. The Democratic-run Senate would have had to decide whether indirect involvement or knowledge of the interrogation program was enough to disqualify someone praised by current and former intelligence officials. In November, Obama's selection of John Brennan to become CIA director

was derailed after criticism from liberal bloggers that associated him with the Bush administration's interrogation, detention and rendition programs. Brennan now is the White House-based homeland security adviser, which did not require Senate confirmation. A White House spokesman said Mudd had Obama's full support, but that the president understood Mudd's decision. "It is with sadness and regret that the president accepted Phil's withdrawal from consideration as Phil once again demonstrated his duty to country above all things," White House spokesman Nick Shapiro said. Charlie Allen, the former top intelligence official at the Homeland Security Department and longtime

senior official at the CIA, said he regretted Mudd's decision. "The men and women of the CIA work tirelessly and courageously to keep the country safe," Allen said. "Phil epitomizes the very best of these officers and his withdrawal is the country's loss." Rep. Pete Hoekstra, the top Republican on the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee, said Mudd is paying an unfair political price for what he did to keep the country safe after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. "A chill wind is blowing through the intelligence community as operatives and analysts are now being forced to consider shifting political sands along with the national security decisions they make," Hoekstra said.

S.D. rancher wins \$232M jackpot

PIERRE, S.D. – If this were a movie, nobody would believe it: A rancher struggling to eke out a living in one of the poorest corners of America claimed one of the biggest undivided jackpots in U.S. lottery history Friday — \$232 million — after buying the ticket in a town by the name of Winner.

Neal Wanless, 23, said he intends to buy himself more room to roam and repay the kindness other townspeople have shown his family. “I want to thank the Lord for giving me this opportunity and blessing me with this great fortune. I will not squander it,” he promised, wearing a big black cowboy hat and a huge grin.

Wanless, who is single, lives with his mother and father on the family’s 320-acre ranch near Mission, where they raise cattle, sheep and horses. They don’t own a

phone, a mobile home of theirs was repossessed last year, and records show they have fallen \$3,552 behind in their property taxes.

Wanless bought \$15 worth of tickets to the May 27 30-state Powerball drawing at a convenience store in Winner during a trip to buy livestock feed. He will take home a lump sum of \$88.5 million after taxes are deducted.

The Wanless home stands in a grove of trees in Todd County, home to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. It was the nation’s seventh-poorest county in 2007, according to the Census Bureau.

Dave Assman, who owns farmland next to the Wanless ranch, said he is happy the family won’t have to worry about money any more. “They’ve been real short on finances for a long time,” Assman said. “They are from real meager means, I guess you’d say.”

“I hope they enjoy their

money,” said county assessor Cathy Vrbka, a family friend. “They work hard, backbreaking hard work.”

Wanless’ father, Arlen Wanless, 54, has made a living in recent years mainly by buying and selling scrap metal, but his fortunes dropped with the price of iron, said Dan Clark, an auctioneer from Winner and a friend of more than two decades.

The younger Wanless told lottery officials that he spent the last week working on the ranch and that he intends to continue that lifestyle, albeit on a larger piece of land. According to lottery officials, he recently told his horse, Eleanor, “It’d be nice if we go for a longer ride than usual on a bigger ranch of our own.”

“My family has been helped by the community, and I intend to repay that help many times over,” Wanless



Neal Wanless, 23, accepts a ceremonial check for winning a \$232 million Powerball lottery jackpot, Friday, June 5, 2009, in Pierre, S.D. Neal Wanless, who lives on his family’s 320-acre ranch near Mission, S.D., bought the winning ticket in the nearby town of Winner late last month during a trip to buy livestock feed. He will take home \$88.5 million in a lump sum payment after taxes are deducted.

said. He gave no details. An Oregon family turned \$40 worth of tickets into \$340 million Powerball prize in 2005, and at least four other winners collected larger jackpots than Wanless’ prize. The store where Wanless bought the winning ticket

will get a \$50,000 bonus. Sharon Ulmer, manager of the store, said she is glad the Wanless family won. “From what I understand they don’t have a lot, so the money definitely went to a good place,” Ulmer said. “I know it went to a good home. They can use it.”

Two nuke sub sailors held in brutal NH attack

CONCORD, N.H. – Two nuclear submarine sailors, including one assigned to help crewmates stay out of trouble, are accused of brutally beating a man, leaving him near death on a Portsmouth street and then trying to orchestrate a cover-up. One of the accused crew members of the USS Greenville was on duty at the time and driving a Navy “safe-ride” van, a shuttle service that picks up sailors, including those who might have had too much to drink while off duty. In court Thursday, Seamen Gerald Smith, 22, of Honolulu, and Sandy Portobanco, 23, of Inglewood, Ca., did not contest that police had probable cause to arrest them in the beating of Stephen Huntress, a former town councilor in bordering Kittery, Maine.

“They beat him to the point where he was unresponsive and they left him for dead,” said Portsmouth Police Lt.

Corey MacDonald.

Huntress suffered major injuries including skull fractures, officials said; his condition has improved, but there is no word on his potential long-term injuries. Smith drove the van late May 22 from the shipyard in Kittery, where the Greenville is docked for an overhaul, to Portsmouth and picked up Portobanco, who had been drinking in a bar.

Huntress was walking by and said something to the Navy men, MacDonald said. The sailors reported he insulted the Navy, MacDonald said, but have not been able to interview Huntress, who is still hospitalized.

According to investigators, Smith got out of the van, provoked Huntress into a fight and began hitting him in the head.

Portobanco joined in, MacDonald said, “to the point where both of them are

punching, kicking, kneeing, striking him with elbows.”

“He’s on the ground and they continue this while he is clearly no longer able to defend himself, eventually leaving him unconscious,” he said.

Smith brought himself to the attention of police a short while later by reporting that someone yelled at the van and threw something that cracked the windshield. He reported that he drove away immediately.

The story unraveled, police said, after officers interviewed Smith, Portobanco and a witness. Smith, according to a police affidavit, admitted making up the story, provoking and beating Huntress with Portobanco, and threatening to hurt the witness if he didn’t go along with the original story. Smith and Portobanco are being held on \$200,000 bail, charged with assault and witness tampering.



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Obama solution

Earlier in Dresden, alongside German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the U.S. president pressed for progress toward Mideast peace, saying: "The moment is now for us to act." He added: "The United States can't force peace upon the parties" but America has "at least created the space, the atmosphere, in which talks can restart."

The president also announced he was dispatching special envoy George J. Mitchell to the region next week to follow up on his speech in Cairo a day earlier, in which he called for both Israelis and Palestinians

to make concessions in the standoff.

Fresh from visits to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, Obama said that while regional and worldwide powers must help achieve peace, responsibility ultimately falls to Israelis and Palestinians to reach an accord.

He said Israel must live up to commitments it made under the so-called "Road Map" peace outline to stop constructing settlements, adding: "I recognize the very difficult politics in Israel of getting that done." He also said Palestinians must control



U.S. President Barack Obama tours the Buchenwald concentration camp with Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, right, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, second from left, and survivor Bertrand Herz, Friday, June 5, 2009, in Buchenwald, Germany.

violence-inciting acts and statements, saying Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas "has made progress on this issue, but not enough."

Merkel, for her part, promised to cooperate on the long-sought goal. She said the two leaders discussed a time frame for a peace process but did not elaborate.

"With the new American government and the president, there is a truly unique opportunity to revive this peace process or, let us put this very cautiously, this process of negotiations," Merkel said. Added Obama: "I think the moment is now for us to act on what we all know to be the truth, which is each side is going to have to make some difficult compromises."

While Obama did not address benchmarks, he told international reporters Thursday in Egypt: "I don't want to impose an artificial timeline." He added: "When things stall, everybody knows it ... I want to have a sense of movement and progress."

Touching Friday on an issue that has strained American-German relations, Obama also said he didn't seek any commitments from Germany to take a dozen terrorism suspects when the United States closes its prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. German officials have said most should be resettled in America.

Merkel said her country is prepared to "constructively contribute" to U.S. closure

efforts and said she was confident of eventually reaching a "common solution" on the prisoners' fate.

The two leaders spoke to reporters after meeting privately at a castle in this east Germany city with bitter wartime memories. Starting on the night of Feb. 13, 1945, first British, then American bombers pounded the defenseless and largely non-strategic architectural gem, igniting a firestorm in which 25,000 people died — and in so doing, creating an enduring controversy.

Obama did not address the firebombing, and was in Dresden at the invitation of Merkel, who hails from her country's East.

Later, Obama became the first U.S. president to visit the Buchenwald concentration camp. An estimated 56,000 Jews, perished there at the hands of Nazis. The stop was personal. A great-uncle helped liberate a nearby satellite camp, Ohrdruf, in early April 1945, days before other U.S. Army units overran Buchenwald. Accompanying Obama was Merkel; Elie Wiesel, a 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner, author and Holocaust survivor whose father died of starvation at Buchenwald three months before liberation; and Bertrand Herz, another Buchenwald survivor. Each one laid a long-stemmed white rose at a steel memorial. They were later joined by Volkhard Knigge, head of the Buchenwald

memorial.

"To this day, there are those who insist the Holocaust never happened," Obama said. "This place is the ultimate rebuke to such thoughts, a reminder of our duty to confront those who would tell lies about our history."

"This place teaches us that we must be ever vigilant about the spread of evil in our own time," Obama added.


It was a pointed message to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has expressed doubts that 6 million Jews died at the hands of the Nazis.

"He should make his own visit" to Buchenwald, Obama told NBC in an interview earlier Friday. He added: "I have no patience for people who would deny history."

Separately, the president told reporters: "The international community has an obligation, even when it's inconvenient, to act when genocide is occurring." After the tour, Obama was flying to Landstuhl medical hospital, also in Germany, for private visits with U.S. troops recovering from wounds sustained in Iraq and Afghanistan. His day was ending in Paris, with a reunion with his wife, Michelle, and daughters Malia and Sasha, who planned a brief holiday in the City of Light after Saturday's commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the Allies' D-Day invasion in France.




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American, German vets pay respects to D-Day fallen

LA CAMBE, France (AP) — Americans and Germans who were bitter enemies during the D-Day invasion of France shared stories and moments of silence at a Normandy ceremony Friday, joining together to honor those who perished in the epochal World War II beach landings.

They held their poignant, low-key ceremony at the German cemetery at La Cambe a day before an international commemoration nearby, led by President Barack Obama, to mark 65 years since Allied forces landed on Normandy's shores.

Military bands played anthems of the United States, Germany, Britain and France, and visitors piled wreaths at the foot of a mound at the center of the cemetery. Some 22,000 German soldiers are buried beneath clusters of rounded brown crosses in a grassy meadow not far from Omaha Beach.

Flags from nations who fought each other in World War II flew in the spring breeze.

Generations have passed, but remnants of the war continue to surface.

After the ceremony, most visitors headed out, but a few dozen stayed on in a corner of the cemetery, where a German pastor and a few soldiers buried the remains of a German soldier discovered last year. A Frenchman conducting construction work at the German battery at Grandcamp Maisy, 5 miles away, came across



U.S. and French flags are displayed on the graves of the American Cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer, near Caen, Western France, Friday, June 5, 2009. President Barack Obama with his French counterpart, Nicolas Sarkozy and other leaders will attend ceremonies Saturday June 6, 2009 marking the 65th anniversary of the allied D-Day landings in Normandy.

first a gun and then the remains, which have yet to be identified.

"It's a great feeling ... to come here," said Austin Cox of Crisfield, Maryland, a sergeant with the 29th Division of the U.S. 115th Infantry Regiment who landed on Omaha Beach at 9 a.m. on the epic day that turned the tide of World War II.

"My comrades, though, are buried over at Omaha," said Cox, 90, recalling the high tide that carried him onto the expanse of beach. The main American cemetery at Colleville-Sur-Mer has about 9,300 graves. Most U.S. war dead were repatriated.

Karl-Heinz Mayer of Oldenburg, Germany, has comrades at La Cambe, where a low, granite entrance leads into the cemetery containing the graves of the German

soldiers, each marked with a small, flat stone. Unidentified bodies are marked simply, "ein Deutscher soldat," a German soldier.

At Friday's ceremony, Mayer recalled lying wounded on the fields of Normandy 65 years ago. An American soldier roused him with his boot, Mayer said. He said he was eventually sent to the United States to be treated for his wounds.

"Today I am here for the last time, because I'm 83 and I'm not that well," he said. "We shake hands, we are all normal people. And I hope there will never be a war again because this slaughter was horrible."

American vet Bill Ryan, of the 16th Infantry Regiment, also at Friday's ceremony, told Associated Press Television News some of his war

experiences resembled that of his namesake in Steven Spielberg's film "Saving Private Ryan." Spielberg and actor Tom Hanks were expected to join some U.S. veterans on a special train from Paris to Normandy on Saturday morning.

The big event is Saturday, when Obama, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, the Canadian and British prime ministers and Prince Charles gather for a ceremony amid the rows of white crosses and Stars of David at the American cemetery, which is U.S. territory.

As the quiet commemoration unfolded in Normandy, honors were bestowed on 45 American, Canadian and British veterans in an elaborate ceremony in Paris that Hanks attended.

"France is paying tribute to those who re-established our liberty ...," said

Defense Minister Herve Morin at the gold-domed Hotel des Invalides, where Napoleon's tomb is housed. "France remembers who they were and what France owes them," he said.

The 45 were given the coveted Legion of Honor award. Most of those present were Americans, many of whom had taken part in the storming of the beaches of Normandy.

Most struggled to their feet and saluted or placed hand on heart as a brass military band played the American, Canadian, British and French national anthems.

Commemoration events, from re-enactments to school concerts, were being held in seaside towns and along the five landing beaches that stretch across 50 miles (80 kilometers) of Normandy coastline.

Some 215,000 Allied soldiers, and roughly as many Germans, were killed or wounded during D-Day and the ensuing nearly three months it took to secure the Allied capture of Normandy.

Early Friday, some 130 British paratroopers from the 3rd Parachute Battalion swooped down on Ranville, where paratroopers from the 6th Airborne Division landed in darkness in the early hours of June 6, 1944, helping secure a key point on the Allies eastern flank. Friday's landing, under sunny morning skies, ended peacefully in wheat fields.

Later Friday, a fireworks display was planned up and down the shore where Allied troops launched the Battle of Normandy.

IAEA: New uranium traces found in Syria

VIENNA (AP) — The U.N. nuclear agency on Friday reported its second unexplained find of uranium particles at a Syrian nuclear site, in a probe sparked by suspicions that

a remote desert site hit by Israeli warplanes was a nearly finished plutonium producing reactor. In a separate report, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran continued to

expand its uranium enrichment program despite three sets of U.N. Security Council sanctions meant to pressure Tehran into freezing such activities.

Iran and Syria are under IAEA investigation — Tehran, since revelations more than six years ago of undeclared nuclear activities that could be used to make weapons, and Syria

after Israel bombed a structure in 2006 said by the U.S. to be a reactor built with North Korean help. But the agency has made little progress for over a year in both cases, and both of the restricted reports made available to The Associated Press on Friday essentially confirmed the status quo — stonewalling by both countries of the two separate IAEA probes.

Iran says its nuclear activities are peaceful; Damascus denies hiding any nuclear program. “In order for the agency to complete its assessment, Syria needs to be more cooperative and transparent,” said the IAEA in a document that detailed repeated attempts by agency inspectors to press for renewed inspections and documents — all turned down by Damascus.

Drawing heavily on language of previous reports, the Iran document said Tehran has not “cooperated with the agency ... which gives rise to concerns and which need to be clarified to exclude the possibility of military dimensions to Iran’s nuclear program.”

The report noted that Tehran continued to rebuff agency efforts to investigate suspicions the Islamic Republic had at least planned to make nuclear weapons.

Without cooperation by the Islamic Republic, the IAEA “will not be in a position to provide credible assurance about the absence of undeclared nuclear material and activities in Iran,” the report said. Syria and Iran are to come under renewed scrutiny when the 35-nation board of the agency meets June 15 to discuss the two reports. While the Syrian report was prepared only for the board members, the one on Iran also was transmitted Friday to the Security Council, which for more than three years has tried to pressure Tehran to give up enrichment and other activities of concern. It also said Syria continued to deny cooperation with North Korea in building its nuclear program.



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Brown defies calls to step down as British premier

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown clung fiercely to his job Friday, defying calls from some within his beleaguered Labour party to resign.

Brown told reporters he never even considered resigning, instead announcing a Cabinet reshuffle he hopes will help restore his fortunes. Brown has been badly stung by a scandal over British lawmakers' expenses, a string of top-level resignations and catastrophic results expected in local elections.

"I have the determination to take this country through the most difficult of economic times, and this is what I am doing," he said. "I will get on with the job and I will finish the work."

Brown, who some legislators view as the key obstacle to the party's hopes of avoiding defeat in the next national election, promoted key allies to his inner circle in a bid to block efforts to oust him from his post. Work and Pensions Secretary James Purnell, a 39-year-old fast-rising star in Brown's government, dramatically quit late Thursday and urged Brown to step aside. "I now believe your continued leadership makes a Conservative victory more, not less likely," he told Brown in a resignation letter.

Defense Secretary John Hutton, who was regarded as one of the Cabinet's best performers, announced Friday he was quitting his post — the 11th surprise resignation in four days. But he offered Brown his support — mitigating the impact of his departure. In a dig at those who jumped ship, Brown said Friday that he was filling his Cabinet with people "who will not walk away from their responsibilities when the going gets tough." But even as Brown announced his new lineup, news broke of another resignation: Caroline Flint, his Europe minister, is leaving her post. Brown was at pains to emphasize that he was still in control — while defending himself against charges that he was ignoring the will of his party. "I'm not arrogant, and I'm never complacent," Brown said.

Brown also promised to introduce an independent regulatory body to oversee lawmakers' expense claims, whose publication has deeply embarrassed parliamentarians and badly eroded support for Labour.

Hutton's deputy, Armed Forces Minister Bob Ainsworth, replaced him, the defense ministry's Web site said.

Brown spent much of Friday huddled in a basement office in his official Downing Street residence, shuffling Post-it notes as the 58-year-old

Scot finalized his Cabinet shake-up with a few close aides.

Outside, critics lambasted Brown, as results of British local elections held Thursday showed a new collapse for support in the party which has held power since 1997. The opposition Conservatives won key town and city council seats from Brown's Labour, making inroads into the government's former strongholds in northern and central England.

Though Brown has gained praise overseas for his handling of the global economic crisis, he trails the main opposition Conservative Party in opinion polls and is widely expected to lose the next national election.

His government has suffered the most in a scandal over lawmakers' expense claims, blamed for failing to reform a system that allowed legislators from all parties to charge for items like horse manure, porn movies and repairs to the moat of a country mansion.

Alan Johnson, the affable health secretary — who is often mentioned as a replacement for Brown — urged colleagues to unite behind the prime minister despite the results. Johnson was appointed home secretary as a reward for his loyalty.

"I continue to believe that Gordon Brown is the best man for the job," Johnson



Bookmaker, Robin Hutchison writes down the betting odds for the next Labour Party Leader on a blackboard for display outside the Houses of Parliament in London, Friday, June 5, 2009. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is reshuffling his government, Friday, after a series of Cabinet minister resignations.

said in a statement. "It is vital now, more than ever, that we unite for the sake of the party and the government."

Treasury chief Alistair Darling remained in place, despite concern over his expenses claims. Darling has repaid some money after he acknowledged mistakes in his claims and has faced criticism over his manipulation of

the housing allowance system.

Alan Sugar, a brash businessman and host of the British version of "The Apprentice" television show, was likely to be made a member of the House of Lords to allow Brown to hand him a roving role to promote entrepreneurship and help stimulate Britain's economy.



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NBA Finals

L.A. rout Magic 100-75 in Game 1

LOS ANGELES (AP)

— The Los Angeles Lakers won Game 1 of the NBA finals Thursday, beating the Orlando Magic 100-75 behind a dominant performance from Kobe Bryant.

Bryant had 40 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, while Pau Gasol scored 16 points. Lamar Odom finished with 11 points and 14 rebounds for the Lakers, who host Game 2 on Sunday.

The Lakers are seeking a 15th NBA title and coach Phil Jackson is going for his 10th, which would move him past Red Auerbach for most all-time.

Mickael Pietrus scored 14 and Hedo Turkoglu had 13 for the Magic, but All-Stars Dwight Howard and Rashard Lewis both struggled and Orlando shot only 29.9 percent from the field.

The last time the Lakers were seen in the finals, they were heading toward their locker room in Boston last June and a summer break after being drubbed by 39 points in a series-ending Game 6 by the Celtics. The renewed rivalry between the league's superpowers never panned out.

Bryant and his teammates have used that humiliation to motivate them all season and throughout these playoffs.

The Magic, who won both games against the Lakers in the regular season, appeared overwhelmed in their first finals appearance since 1995. Not even the return of All-Star point guard Jameer Nelson from a four-month layoff following shoulder surgery could help the Eastern Conference champions.

Orlando center Dwight Howard was engulfed by two



and three Lakers every time he touched the ball and scored 12 points — 10 on free throws — on just 1-of-6 shooting. And the Magic's outside shooters, so accurate while eliminating MVP LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in the conference finals, were off the mark.

"We did a good job on him, but he'll be ready to go Game 2," Bryant said. "We worked very hard on the perimeter, keeping those guys out of rhythm, then we did a good job on him inside — giving him different looks."

The Magic went made just 8-of-23 3-pointers and shot only 30 percent overall. They are facing some long odds, too. Jackson has won 43 times without a loss in series in which his team wins Game 1. Bryant, the self-proclaimed

"Black Mamba" slithered around Magic defenders with ease. Bryant scored an effortless 18 points in the first half and then took over in the third quarter, scoring 18 of L.A.'s 29 points with an assortment of jumpers, fadeaways and layups.

"We wanted to come out and keep our energy up," Bryant said. "We wanted to stay aggressive and it was my responsibility over the course of the game to keep it going." With the 24-second shot clock running down on one possession, he froze Mickael Pietrus with a head fake and then sliced between Howard and Rashard Lewis, who looked as if they might applaud him, too. Moments later, Bryant whipped a pass to teammate Trevor Ariza, who buried a 3-pointer to make it 80-58.

Furyk's late birdie give him a share of the lead



DUBLIN, Ohio — One last birdie for Jim Furyk put him one more stroke under par, which he found more gratifying than being in a share of the lead with Jonathan Byrd on Friday at the Memorial.

A blue sky and a warm sun translated into fast greens at Muirfield Village, leading to a crammed leaderboard going into a weekend loaded with possibilities. Tiger Woods had his worst score in nearly two years — a 2-over 74 — and still was only six shots behind. Furyk had two bogeys from the bunker on the back nine, but finished with an 8-iron that stopped on the top shelf about 8 feet away for birdie on the 18th that gave him a 2-under 70. He hasn't been atop the leaderboard this deep into a tournament since winning the Canadian Open in 2007, his last PGA Tour victory.

Byrd had a bogey-free 68 in the morning, also making a birdie on the 18th. They were at 7-under 137. Asked how he felt about being tied for the lead, Furyk replied, "I'd rather

be as many under par as possible."

"I just want to go out there and play one more solid round tomorrow and hopefully sit in the same spot, and put myself in good position for Sunday's round," said Furyk, the 2002 Memorial winner. "I'll just be jockeying for position and trying to play another good round."

And he'll have plenty of company.

Mike Weir (69) and Mark Wilson (70) were another shot back at 6-under 138. The top 16 players were separated by a mere three shots going into the weekend.

Woods was not among that group, but came away from a pedestrian round with a fighting chance.

He missed only two of the generous fairways in the second round, but bogeys kept piling up with shots that were just enough long or short to present problems. He went long on the 18th hole into rough and had no hope of getting the ball closer than 30 feet. And on the par-5 fifth, he came up short and in the water, compounding the error by missing a par putt inside 4 feet.

"If you're missing it on the short side, you're not going to make pars here," Woods said after the 74, his highest score since the second round of the U.S. Open at Oakmont. "You have to make sure you hit the ball on the correct side. I didn't do that today."q.

Mine That Bird: long shot

To favorite in five weeks

NEW YORK (AP) — In the days leading to the Kentucky Derby, just about everybody ignored the little gelding tucked away in his stall at Churchill Downs.

Mine That Bird, a latecomer to the Derby field, had recently arrived in Louisville after a 19-hour trailer ride from New Mexico, his trainer Chip Woolley doing the driving despite a broken right leg fused with a metal plate and 12 screws.

This was not big news, though, not with top 3-year-olds such as I Want Revenge, Pioneer of the Nile, Friesan Fire and Dunkirk receiving all the attention.

A lot has changed in five weeks: Mine That Bird won the Derby by an astonishing 6¾ lengths at 50-1 odds, came up a length short of the filly Rachel Alexandra in the Preakness Stakes, and now is the 2-1 favorite for Saturday's Belmont Stakes.

From long shot to people's choice, Mine That Bird has become one of America's most popular racehorses, topped only by the sensational filly who won't be running the final leg of the U.S. Triple Crown. When Woolley led Mine That Bird off a van and toward his barn at Belmont Park the other day, there were about 50 media members to record every step. "This is a lot different than when we arrived at Churchill Downs," Woolley said. "Nobody even came to see me for the first week."

Two days before Mine That Bird tries to win the 1½-mile Belmont and make Calvin Borel the first jockey to win the Triple Crown on different horses, Woolley was asked if he ever thought he'd be in

the national spotlight after 25 years of training horses.

"It absolutely never crossed my mind," he said on Thursday. "It was a major surprise."

Starting with the Derby.

Mine That Bird came into the race winless in two races at Sunland Park in New Mexico after earning the 2-year-old championship in Canada, then finishing 12th in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

A son of 2004 Belmont winner Birdstone, Mine That Bird was dismissed as the 17th choice in the 19-horse Derby field. Even Tom Durkin, who called the race on U.S. television, was late in spotting him along the rail. "The only person more surprised than me winning the Derby seemed to be you," Woolley told Durkin at Wednesday's post-position draw. Durkin took the joking in stride, replying "There are many times I wish I'd seen that race."

Racing fans were still not convinced after the Derby. And when Rachel Alexandra, winner of the Kentucky Oaks by 20¼ lengths the day before the Derby, was purchased by Jess Jackson and entered in the Preakness, the filly and Borel took the star turns. The filly won the Preakness by a diminishing length over 6-1 third choice Mine That Bird, but the gelding proved his Derby win was no fluke.

A field of 10 is set for the Belmont, with Flying Private the only other horse to compete in the Derby and Preakness. The other Derby runners in the field are Chocolate Candy, Summer Bird, Dunkirk and Mr. Hot Stuff. The other Preakness runner is Luv Gov. Charitable Man, the 3-1 second choice, and a pair of long shots

trained by Nick Zito — Brave Victory and Miner's Escape — fill out the field.

Kiaran McLaughlin, who trains Charitable Man, was initially a skeptic about Mine That Bird just like everybody else.

"He happened to be in the same barn I was in at Churchill," McLaughlin said. "And to be honest, with Charitable Man and Mine That Bird, you're looking at a magnificent animal as opposed to a small gelding that cost \$9,500 as a yearling. But he's a runner and he's a gutsy little horse who tries hard and might have won the Preakness with a little cleaner trip."



In this May 2, 2009 file photo, Jockey Calvin Borel reacts after riding Mine That Bird to win the 135th Kentucky Derby horse race at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

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Federer rallies past del Potro in French Open semis

PARIS (AP) — Sentimental favorite Roger Federer twice came from behind in the French Open semifinals Friday to beat big-serving Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina 3-6, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Playing in his fourth consecutive Roland Garros final, Federer will try for his 14th major title to match Pete Sampras' record. He will also be trying to complete a career Grand Slam.

"It feels great coming through tough matches like this," Federer said. "It's more emotional. It's more satisfaction."

Federer's opponent Sunday will be No. 23-seeded Robin Soderling of Sweden, who extended his improbable Roland Garros run by beating No. 12 Fernando Gonzalez in another seesaw semifinal, 6-3, 7-5, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4.

"There's still one more step," Federer said.

With nemesis Rafael Nadal eliminated in the fourth round, Federer faces a less daunting path to that elusive Roland Garros championship. He's 9-0 against Soderling.

But then Federer had swept his previous five matches and 12 sets against del Potro. The tall Argentine rose to the occasion in his first major semifinal and kept on the offensive for much of the match, but began to tire in the fourth set.

"The longer the match went, I was always confident with



Switzerland's Roger Federer jubilates after defeating Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro during a semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Friday June 5, 2009. Associated Press



my physical abilities and my mental abilities that I was going to be able to turn it around in a tough situation," Federer said.

Federer broke for the first time 2½ hours into the match to lead 3-1. Del Potro lost his next two service games as well, allowing Federer to sweep seven games in a row and finally take the lead.

By then, Federer was in top form, gliding across the clay that has vexed him in the past. He won a frantic rally and a standing ovation by lunging to slice a forehand into the open court for a 3-1 lead in the fifth set. There were more highlight-reel shots down

the stretch, and he closed the victory with forehand winners on back-to-back points.

Del Porto greeted him at the net with a handshake and a smile.

"I just congratulated him and wished him good luck," del Potro said. "I said everybody wants him to lift the trophy at the end."

In the all-Russian women's final Saturday, top-ranked Dinara Safina will try for her first Grand Slam title against Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Federer trailed for much of the match, struggling to hold serve and unable to break. Sensing his once-a-year opportunity again slipping away, he

slapped himself in the face after losing one frantic rally.

Maybe that helped. And maybe he was buoyed by a crowd that kept chanting "Ro-ger! Ro-ger!"

Del Potro made one last charge in the final set, hitting several ferocious shots to break for 3-all. But he missed all eight first serves in the next game and finally dumped a weary second serve into the net on break point.

"I feel so sad," del Potro said. "I really wanted to be in that final, and now I'm going to have to watch it on TV."

On a cool, cloudy, evening, Federer looked out of sorts early, failing to convert two

early break points and losing serve at 2-all. He twice fell behind love-40 while serving and shanked an easy overhead, perhaps a sign of nerves.

Federer served better in the second set but was broken when he played a sloppy game to start the third set and again found himself trailing a bigger, younger, more powerful opponent.

One point-blank exchange forced Federer to retrieve three del Potro volleys, and he failed to reach a fourth. Federer hung his head, and as he walked back to the baseline he slapped himself.

A game later, del Potro closed the third set, before Federer mounted his latest comeback. He overcame a two-set deficit to beat Tommy Haas in the fourth round.

"It's nice, because I practice for hours and hours and hours, and I don't get tired," Federer said. "To be able to show it also on a match court in a big opportunity like this, it's fantastic."

Next up: Soderling. He scrambled the draw with his win Sunday over the four-time defending champion. Federer has been beaten at the French Open each of the past four years by Nadal, the past three times in the final.

The Swede is beyond the third round for the first time in 22 career major tournaments, and he'll play in his first clay-court tournament final.

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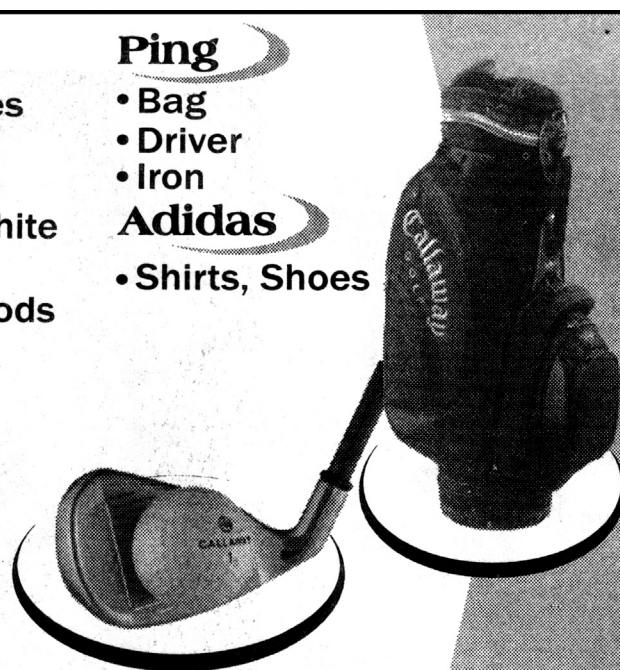
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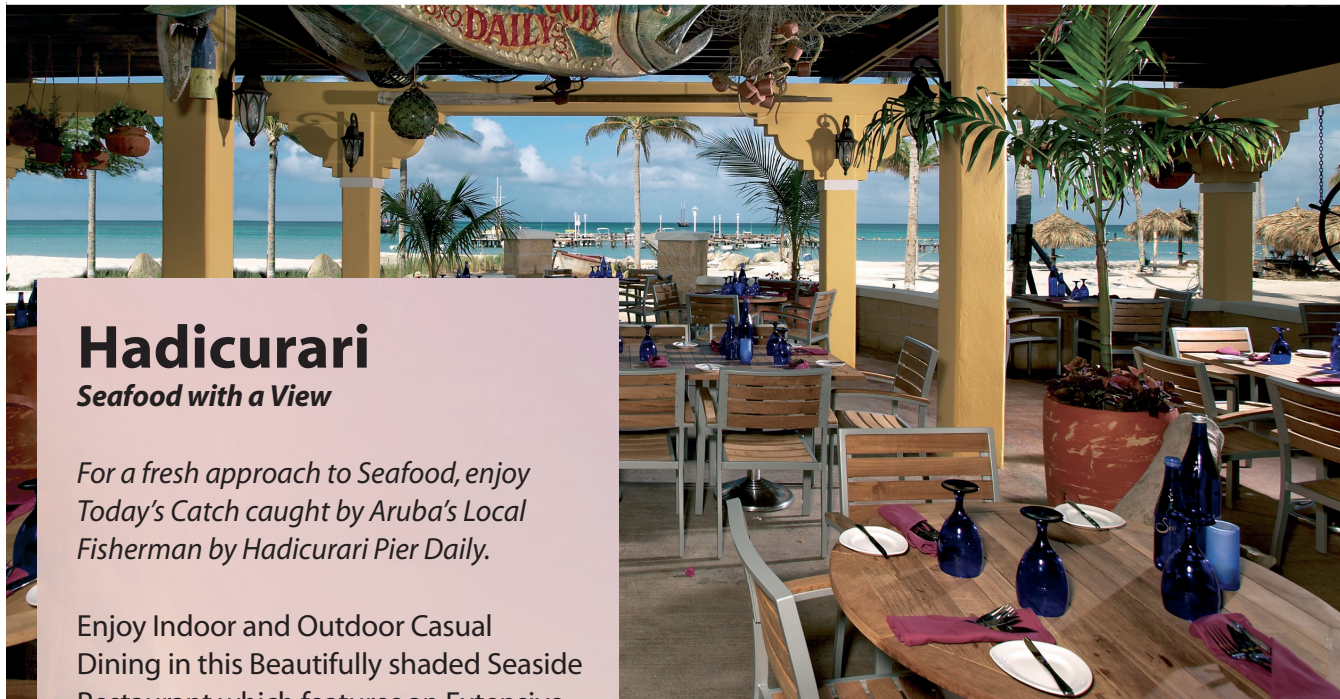
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